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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

SECOM-D-508

7 MAY 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Request for Assistance from Secret Service []

REFERENCE: Letter to DCI from Director, Secret Service
dtd 25 Apr 79 (ER 79-1062)

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1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached response to Mr. H. S. Knight, Director, Secret Service. []

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2. Discussion: I am surprised to see the letter to you from Director Knight in view of the extensive and ongoing liaison we have with the Secret Service. I have encouraged representation and membership of the Secret Service on the Security Committee, its Research and Development Subcommittee and Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee (chaired by [] CIA). The Secret Service has established a solid attendance record and has been, in fact, a willing and capable participant in Committee endeavors. []

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To ensure there is neither perceived nor real shortfall in our cooperation, I had the Secret Service representative contacted. Aware of Director Knight's letter to you, he informed that the letter represented a Secret Service effort for formalized compliance with their responsibilities under Executive Order 12036. It does not imply dissatisfaction with what we believe to be an excellent relationship in both act and spirit. []

Specifically the Secret Service would appreciate:

- written affirmation of continued cooperation;

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- direct liaison with those elements of the Agency employing "positive" technology of electronic surveillance as well as with our countermeasures people;
- assurance that they are getting assessments of capabilities of foreign governments in the area of electronic surveillance. ☐

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In connection with this last point, the Secret Service informed that this should not be viewed as a request for a major undertaking of DDO collection and NFAC assessment. Rather, it is a request for assurance that the level of information continuously being updated and available through the regular meetings of the Countermeasures Subcommittee represents the state of knowledge of capabilities of foreign governments in the field of electronic surveillance. We can provide such assurance and add an offer to supplement with details of capabilities of any specific country as a need may arise. ☐

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Accordingly, while I drafted the attached response in an expression of full cooperation, I want to assure you there has been and continues to be an excellent association with the Secret Service in the sharing of technical information about electronic surveillance and countermeasures as well as in other fields. ☐

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3. Recommendation: Your signature on the attached letter to Secret Service Director Knight. ☐

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Dear Stu,

I am pleased to support to the fullest your responsibilities of providing Technical Surveillance Countermeasures to the President. It is indeed an awesome task and I appreciate the opportunity to share to some small degree in it. [REDACTED]

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I note and encourage Secret Service membership and participation in my Security Committee, its Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee and its Research and Development Subcommittee. These organizations serve to focus and share all current intelligence related to capabilities of foreign governments in the field of electronic surveillance. Through the mechanism of these organizations I believe that the Secret Service can continue to obtain detailed information regarding any specific foreign government capabilities as such need may arise. [REDACTED]

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I most willingly concur with your desire to establish continuous liaison between the Secret Service and other elements of the Intelligence Community knowledgeable in the art of electronic surveillance and will be pleased to assist you within my authorities in opening such lines of communications. In this connection I designate [REDACTED] as a point of contact within the Central Intelligence Agency to provide all necessary cooperation for your designee to access CIA's current and planned technologies in the art of electronic surveillance. I'm sure you understand my responsibilities in limiting such access to the technology involved and not providing access to operational use. [REDACTED]

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In light of separate and distinct authorities, I suggest that you approach directly the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director, National Security Agency for whatever additional assistance they may be able to provide. [REDACTED]

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Again, may I assure you of my personal and official support in this and related matters.

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Yours,

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H. S. Knight
Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20223

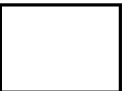
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